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US CENSUS IMMIGRANTS

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The government is fumbling some efforts to assure immigrants that U.S. census data won't be used against them, including gaps in outreach and foreign language guides that refer to the decennial count as an investigation. The Census Bureau is printing instruction guides and sample forms in dozens of different languages for use in community help centers, since one in five residents speak a language other than English at home. But there have been errors due to poor translations, including material for Vietnamese speakers that describe the census as a "government investigation."

STATES SEEKING TO BAN MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE

VO :25

Although President Barack Obama's push for a health care overhaul has stalled, conservative lawmakers in about half the states are forging ahead with constitutional amendments to ban government health insurance mandates. The proposals would assert a state-based right for people to pay medical bills from their own pocketbooks and prohibit penalties against those who refuse to carry health insurance.

02/02/10

OBAMA HARDENS AGAINST IMMIGRANT

VO :29

President Barack Obama asked his country's congress to appropriate 4.6 billion dollars to strengthen the work of Border Patrol, finish the first section of the virtual wall between Mexico and the United States, and expand efforts to find and deport undocumented migrants. According to the proposal submitted by the Department of Homeland Security, Obama hopes to send 600 million dollars to identify and deport the undocumented, 200 million more than he asked for last year.

PARTS MAY ARRIVE AS EARLY AS TUESDAY TO FIX TOYOTAS

VO :27

A small steel shim the size of a postage stamp may fix what ails some Toyotas. The parts to repair sticky gas pedals could start arriving as early as Tuesday. The shims are designed to relieve the friction in the accelerators that can cause them to get stuck. The problem led to the recall of more than 2 million Toyotas, including the popular Camry and Corolla.

VIRGINIA SENATE BILLS SAY NO TO REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE

VO :25

Virginia's Democratic-controlled state Senate passed measures Monday that would make it illegal to require individuals to purchase health insurance, a direct challenge to the party's efforts in Washington to reform health care. The bills, a top priority of Virginia's "tea party" movement, were approved 23 to 17 as five Democrats who represent swing areas of the state joined all 18 Republicans in the chamber in backing the legislation.

FISH OIL-MENTAL ILLNESS

VO :21

Fish oil pills may be able to spare some young people with signs of mental illness from a progression into fully developed schizophrenia, according to a preliminary study of 81 patients in Austria. The study adds to evidence suggesting that severe mental illness may be prevented with intervention. The researchers are starting a larger study in eight cities, hoping to replicate the findings

LUIS GUTIERREZ ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Los Angeles County Federation of Labor Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Maria Elena Durazo partners with key immigrant rights and civil rights stakeholders in Los Angeles to hold immigration Town Hall with Congressman Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) to ensure that immigration debate is part of the national agenda in the Obama administration for 2010. Gutierrez, said there would be another round of demonstrations in Washington D.C. on March 21 to press for an overhaul.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS RAID

OSWALDO BORRAEZ / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Authorities searched today for the smugglers who brought into the United States more than a dozen illegal immigrants found in a house in Reseda, where they were apparently being kept against their will. Police went Sunday night in response to a 911 call from one of the 14 immigrants found in the house.

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EXPERTS SAY 40 PERCENT OF CANCERS COULD BE PREVENTED

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Forty percent of the 12 million people diagnosed with cancer worldwide each year could avert the killer disease by protecting themselves against infections and changing their lifestyles, experts said Tuesday. A report by the Geneva-based International Union Against Cancer (UICC) highlighted nine infections that can lead to cancer and urged health officials to drive home the importance of vaccines and lifestyle changes in fighting the disease.

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HEALTH CARE-GOVERNMENT ROLE

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The government takeover of health care is continuing, even without President Barack Obama's planned overhaul of the system. A new report by Medicare number crunchers says federal and state programs will pay slightly more than half the tab for health care purchased in the United States by 2012. The shift to a health care sector dominated by government is being speeded up by the deep economic recession and the aging of the Baby Boomers, millions of whom will soon start signing up for Medicare.

'HEALTHY IMMIGRANT EFFECT' EXTENDS TO STROKE RISK**VO: 27**

New immigrants to Canada are at lower risk of suffering a premature stroke than longer-term residents of the country, according to new findings published today in the journal *Neurology*. The findings provide strong evidence that the "healthy immigrant effect" -- the observation that new arrivals to North America are often in better shape than their native-born peers -- may outweigh the stresses of leaving home and resettling in a new country, Dr. Gustavo Saposnik of St. Michael's Hospital and the University of Toronto, one of the researchers on the study, told Reuters Health.

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02/05/10

TOYOTA TO RECALL PRIUS HYBRID IN US, JAPAN**VO: 34**

The tarnish continues to spread over Toyota's image. The automaker is now considering a U.S. and Japanese recall of Prius hybrids -- the vehicle that's a symbol of its technological prowess and green car ambitions. Toyota is also investigating possible brake problems with its luxury Lexus hybrid and the luxury Sai sedan, also a hybrid. That's in addition to millions of recalls over gas pedal problems.

IMMIGRANT FACILITIES SUBPAR**VO: 23**

Immigration officials had planned to start requiring all facilities that hold Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees to implement revised detention standards at the end of January. Those standards are currently under review by ICE, with the goal of improving detainee care in certain areas, including legal access and family visits, ICE officials said. ICE plans to have government monitors at the detention facilities that house the largest numbers of detainees by the end of the year.

HEART RISK LOWER IN SPANISH MEN WHO DRINK**VO: 25**

Drinking alcohol seems to protect the hearts of Spanish men, but not Spanish women, findings from a large study suggest. However, men should not begin drinking to protect themselves from heart disease, cautions lead investigator Larrarte Arriola, of the Public Health Department of Gipuzkoa, Basque Government in San Sebastian, Spain, since "alcohol is a cause of thousands of deaths," she noted in an email to Reuters Health.

STUDY FAILS TO LINK SATURATED FAT, HEART DISEASE

VO: 26

The saturated fat found mainly in meat and dairy products has a bad reputation, but a new analysis of published studies finds no clear link between people's intake of saturated fat and their risk of developing heart disease. Research has shown that saturated fat can raise blood levels of "bad" LDL cholesterol, and elevated LDL is a risk factor for heart disease and stroke. Because of this, experts generally advise people to limit their intake of fatty meat, butter and full-fat dairy.

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TOYOTA USED CAR VALUE**VO :25**

Recalls and a bungled response to safety questions are putting a dent in the resale values of Toyota cars. Kelley Blue Book has dropped the value of recalled Toyotas by as much 3 percent. Edmunds.com estimates resale or trade-in values could fall up to 10 percent in the short term. The decline will likely continue as long as uncertainty and defects continue to shadow Toyota.

IMMIGRANTS FED UP WITH FALSE PROMISES**VO :24**

A coalition of communitarian and religious organizations are preparing marches in Washington for the 21 of March to denounce what they consider an anti-immigrants policy of the government of Barack Obama. Also they would demand to president Obama the fulfillment of his promise of campaign to work specific on migratory reform, which they hope will legalize 12 million of undocumented people. Promoters of this march said that they denounced the campaign of deportation of undocumented people.

02/09/10

LAWYERS BACK CREATING NEW IMMIGRATION COURTS**VO :23**

In a vote at its semiannual meeting in Orlando, Fla., the lawyers' organization endorsed a recommendation for a separate immigration court system that would be similar to federal courts that decide tax cases. Behind the seemingly arcane proposal was a portrait of the nation's immigration courts besieged with new cases arising from an intensified federal crackdown on illegal immigration, and challenged by critics who doubt the courts' impartiality. The lawyers described the courts' condition in a report of more than 1,500 pages released last week.

INTERVIEW ON REFORM IMMIGRATION FOR AMERICA**KATHERINE VARGAS / WASHINGTON, DC****INTERVIEW 5:00 APPROX.**

The Reform Immigration FOR America campaign will be leading a major march in Washington, DC, on March 21. The Campaign to Reform Immigration for America is a united national effort that brings together individuals and grassroots organizations with the mission to build support for workable comprehensive immigration reform.

TOYOTA LATEST**NEIDA SANDOVAL / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

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Toyota says it is recalling about 437,000 Prius and other hybrid vehicles worldwide to fix brake problems, the latest in a string of embarrassing safety problems at the world's largest automaker. Company President Akio Toyoda made the recall announcement Tuesday afternoon at a press conference. Toyoda says safety for customers is "our foremost priority." Tuesday's recall affects models that went on sale last year. There have been about 200 complaints in Japan and the U.S. about a delay when the brakes were pressed in some conditions. It's the latest in a string of embarrassing safety problems at the world's largest automaker.

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HONDA RECALL

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Honda Motor Co. is adding 437,000 vehicles to its 15-month-old global recall for faulty air bags in the latest quality problem to hit a Japanese automaker. The company will replace the driver's side air bag inflator in the cars because they can deploy with too much pressure, causing the inflator to rupture and injure or kill the driver. Japan's No. 2 automaker originally announced the recall to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in November 2008 and the total of number vehicles recalled since then is approaching 1 million.

JAPAN TOYOTA RECALL

VO: 20

In its second recall in one day, Toyota announced Tuesday that it plans to recall just over 7,300 2010 Camrys for a brake defect. The problem, if not fixed, could result in leaking brake fluid, and make it more difficult for a driver to stop the car. Earlier Tuesday, Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda announced the company had recalled 437,000 Prius and Lexus vehicles, the latest in a series of recalls that affect nine million cars worldwide.

The issue with the Camrys, according to documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is a power steering hose that is too long and can rub up against a tube for the left rear brake. That could cause the brake tube to wear through, leading to a leak of brake fluid.

RETAIL SALES-JANUARY

VO: 20

It's mostly the increase in the price of gasoline, but figures released by a key data service show retail sales rose for a third month in a row in January, compared with a year earlier. MasterCard Advisor's SpendingPulse offers an estimate of spending in all forms, including cash. Including goods from food to clothing to gasoline -- but excluding cars -- U.S. retail sales rose 3.6 percent from January 2009.

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HEALTH CARE OVERALL

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First he called congressional Democrats' yearlong march toward health care overhaul an ugly process. Now President Barack Obama wants to talk directly with republicans, the very people his Capitol Hill allies call obstinate and uncooperative. It's no wonder Democratic lawmakers are less than enthusiastic about Obama's overture to the GOP. The president has blamed special deals cut on Capitol Hill for the public's skepticism about health care legislation, distancing himself from what he's called "this Congress," even though his White House was closely involved in the process. For their part, some congressional Democrats clamored for stronger leadership from Obama after an upset loss in a special election last month denied Democrats their filibuster-proof Senate majority, plunging the health overhaul into disarray.

TOYOTA RECALL

VO: 17

Toyota said Friday it's planning a new level of disclosure about car problems beyond what the automaker is legally required to reveal as it seeks to rebuild consumer trust. The move comes amid intensifying pressure for the automaker's president Akio Toyoda to testify before Congress about safety lapses at hearings scheduled later this month. Presently, the highest-ranking company executive slated to attend the hearing is Toyota's North American head, Yoshimi Inaba. Experts say it's vital that Toyoda appear at the Washington hearings to reverse the perception that the company has been slow to recognize and tackle the safety problems that have led it to recall 8.5 million vehicles.

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TOYOTA RECALL

VO :26

Toyota says it still hasn't decided whether its president will appear before the U.S. Congress. But it's promising to again look into possible electronic problems with its vehicles. Toyota has been criticized as being slow in responding to reports of problems with gas pedals, floor mats and brakes. The unfolding recall crisis has ballooned over the past four months to 8.5 million vehicles globally.

IMMIGRATION SWEEPS

VO :26

A federal judge has found grounds for sanctioning an Arizona sheriff's office for destroying records involved in a racial profiling lawsuit. The case accuses deputies of basing some traffic stops on the race of Hispanics riding in vehicles. Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio has repeatedly denied the allegations. The sheriff's office has said the document destruction was an honest error.

MIGRAINE DRUGS DON'T UP BIRTH DEFECT RISK

VO :23

A study in nearly 70,000 pregnant women has found no link between migraine drugs called triptans and the risk of birth defects. However, the researchers did find a "slight increase" in the risk of excessive bleeding during labor, and the failure of the uterus to contract normally after delivery, for women who used the drugs while pregnant.

